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Re: Divisional of Application No. 09/533,244  
Application of Yukio MORISHIGE and Makoto OMIYA  
"Thin Film Forming Equipment and Method"  
**Assignee: NEC Corporation**  
Our Ref: Q67394



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/533,244 (Confirmation No. Unknown ) filed March 22, 2000 of Yukio MORISHIGE and Makoto OMIYA entitled "Thin Film Forming Equipment and Method".

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1763.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	080506/1999	March 24, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/533,244.

**A Preliminary Amendment if Being submitted herewith.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	4 - 20	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee						\$740.00

**TOTAL FILING FEE** **\$740.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any



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pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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